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December 12, 2019

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 136 at Toto Creek bridge replacement project, PI Number 0013990. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also provide your comments by **Friday, January 3, 2020** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/PublicOutreach>.
  1. Scroll down to "Upcoming Public Meetings" or "Recently Held Public Meetings." Then select "View Info" for *SR 136 over Toto Creek Bridge Replacement*;
  2. Lastly, click *Comment* at the top of the screen and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Gainesville Area 1 Office located at 2594 Gillsville Highway, Gainesville, GA 30507. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Darrell Richardson, at 678-730-1448 or the environmental analyst, Michael Margut, NEPA planner at (678) 247-2590 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff / sb".

Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation

**Why We Are Here:** The purpose of this meeting is two-fold. We are here to: (1) show the preliminary design for the bridge replacement project as approved by GDOT; and (2) provide the public with details regarding the detour plan. The first detour is the local detour approved by Dawson County for the use of Henry Grady Highway (a local roadway). It covers a distance of 5.5 miles. The second detour is a state route only detour that covers 27.6 miles.

**Project Description:** The bridge on SR 136 over Toto Creek, Structure ID 085-0019-0, was built in 1956. The bridge consists of six (6) spans of continuous steel beams on concrete caps with steel piles.

A structural analysis shows a lower than expected carrying capacity in the substructure of this bridge. This bridge was designed using an HS-20 vehicle, which is below current design standards.

The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as fair. The deck is in fair condition with heavy abrasion, exposed aggregate, and transverse cracking in all spans. The superstructure is in fair condition with moderate corrosion with section loss in the steel beams and diaphragms. The substructure is in fair condition with minor cracking in the concrete caps and moderate corrosion with section loss in the steel piles. This bridge is classified as having an unknown foundation and therefore could be at risk for scour.

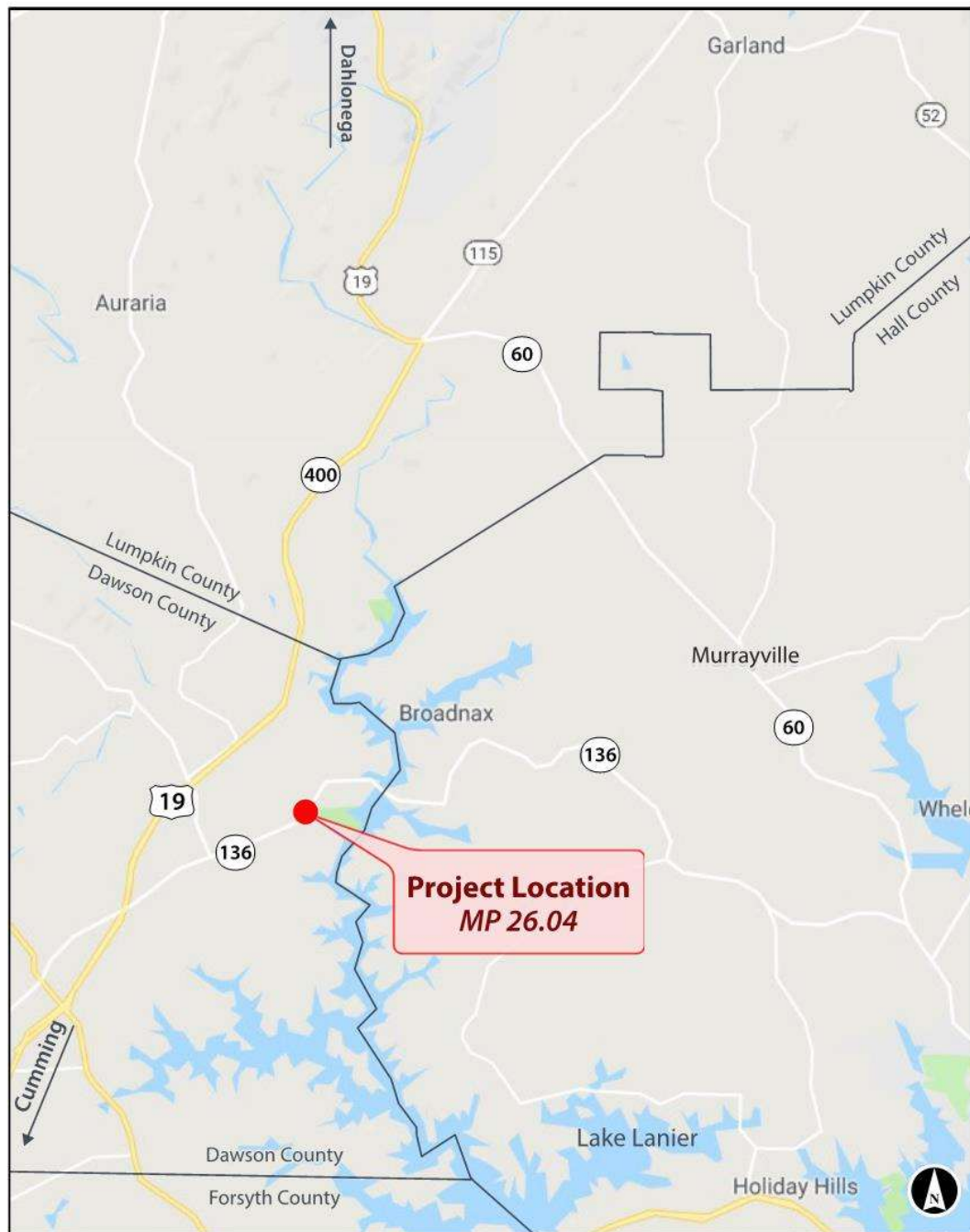
Due to the age of the structure, the structural analysis of the bridge, and unknown foundation of the substructure, replacement of this 61-year-old bridge is recommended.

The existing bridge would be closed during construction, and the proposed replacement structure would be constructed along the current alignment. The new bridge would be approximately 280 feet long with two 90-foot long spans, one 100-foot long span, and a total width of 43.25 feet. The new bridge would include two 12-foot wide travel lanes (one in each direction) and an 8-foot wide outside shoulder on both sides.

The roadway approaches would be reconstructed to tie into the existing roadway on both sides of the bridge crossing. The new roadway approaches would include two 12-foot wide travel lanes and a 12-foot paved shoulder to the guardrail.

A local detour would be provided via Henry Grady Highway, and all nearby roads would remain open during construction. The detour would be required for approximately 15 months. The total project length is approximately 0.1 mile.

**Project Location Map and Detour Maps (see attached):**

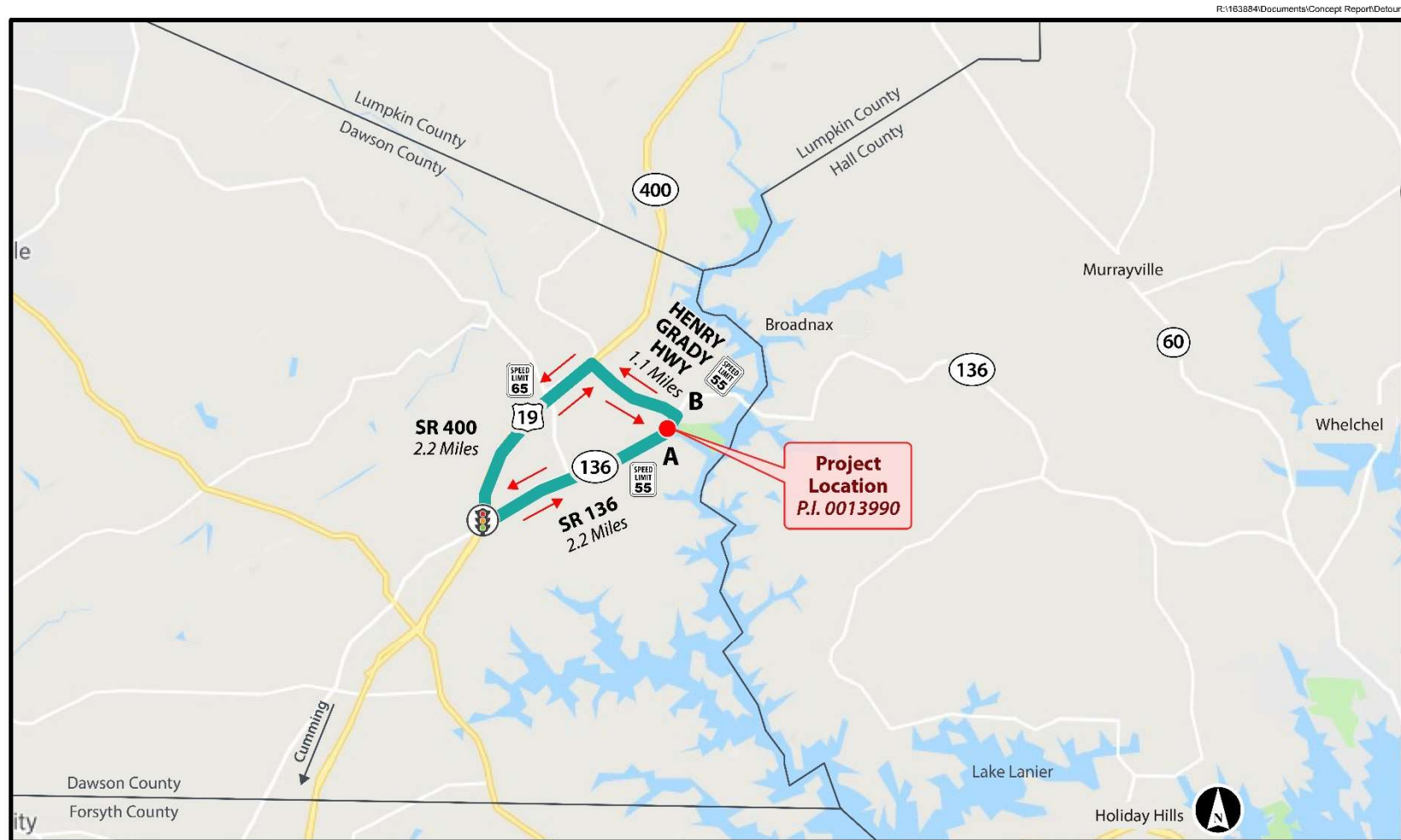


**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**

SR 136 at Toto Creek (Lake Lanier)  
Bridge Replacement, Dawson County

**Michael Baker**  
INTERNATIONAL

**GDOT** Georgia  
Department  
of Transportation



**DETOUR MAP P.I. NO. 0013990 (LOCAL DETOUR OPTION)**

SR 136 at Toto Creek (Lake Lanier) Bridge Replacement, Dawson County

Proposed Detour Route Length (A to B) = 5.5 Miles

Proposed Detour Duration = 15 months



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## Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ **For**      ☐ **Against**      ☐ **Conditional**      ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

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Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

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Mail to:

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